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Letter dated 9 November 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I take note of the request by the Security Council, in its resolution 2067 (2012), to be provided with options and recommendations on the future United Nations presence in Somalia by 31 December 2012.

We have already initiated the Strategic Review process and have started consulting with all major stakeholders. In that regard, following such consultations, the new Somali authorities have requested a delay in the deployment of the Strategic Review mission to Somalia, to give time to the new Cabinet to be set up and start working. The Review mission is now tentatively scheduled to travel to Somalia in th second half of November.

Given this delay, I would like to request an extension to report to the Security Council on the conclusions of the Strategic Review process until 31 January 2013. This would also entail a postponement of my regular progress report on Somalia until the same date, in order to provide a comprehensive assessment of the situation in the country at the same time as my recommendations on the future of the United Nations presence in the country.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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